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Dear Dr. Crane:

Enclosed is the draft response to the office action in USSN 09/076,956. Please call me with your comments next week or when you get a chance to look at it. Thank you.

Margaret Wall

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)	EXAMINER: L. CRANE, Ph.D.
SERIAL NO.:	09/076,956)	
)	ART UNIT: 1623
FILED:	MAY 13, 1998)	
)	CONF. NO.: 5479
FOR:	PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF)	
	NUCLEIC ACIDS ON A SOLID)	
	SUPPORT AND COMPOUNDS WHICH)	
	ARE USEFUL IN PARTICULAR AS)	
	SOLID SUPPORTS IN THE SAID)	
	PROCESS)	

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

DRAFT

Dear Sir:

In regard to the referenced application and the Office Action of May 7, 2003,
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this submission.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3
of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this submission.